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1. IN LUNCHEON MEETING WITH KEY MFA OFFICIALS SEPTEMBER 8, EMBOFFS RAISED SUBJECT OF UPCOMING UNGA. MFA OFFICIALS EXPRESSED VIEW THAT THE SAME DIVISIVE ISSUES WOULD PROBABLY SURFACE THIS YEAR AS LAST AND THAT THERE WAS AGAIN LITTLE CHANCE THAT ANY OF THEM WOULD BE RESOLVED. THE CONSENSUS WAS THAT THIS SESSION WOULD PROBABLY BE CALMER AND LESS CONTENTIOUS THAN IN RECENT YEARS. THEY EXPRESSED NO SUBSTANTIVE OPINION ON THE ISSUES SET OUT IN REFS A AND B.

2. SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, A SENIOR MFA OFFICIAL EXPRESSED TO DCM HIS CONCERN THAT PUBLIC US PRESSURE ON KOREAN ISSUE SIMPLY PLACED WEAPONS IN THE HANDS OF THOSE IN THE MFA OPPOSED TO US POSITION. HE ASKED THAT THE EMBASSY BE DISCREET IN PRESSING ITS KOREA POSITION.

3. AMBASSADOR ATTENDED A DINNER SEPTEMBER 7 HOSTED BY ROK AMBASSADOR PARK IN HONOR OF VISITING ROK OFFICIAL
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KIM TONG-CHO (PER REF. C). KIM SAID THAT ROK HAS ASKED

THE GOE TO CO-SPONSOR
THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND THAT
GOE OFFICIALS HAD INDICATED THEY WOULD CONSIDER DOING
SO. FROM HIS CONVERSATIONS, KIM HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT
THE GOE WAS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD THE ROK AND MIGHT
ACTUALLY DECIDE TO CO-SPONSOR. THERE WERE NO INDICATIONS
DURING THE DINNER THAT KIM HAD RAISED THE UNFRIENDLY
RESOLUTION WITH GOE OFFICIALS.

4. KIM ALSO SUGGESTED TO AMBASSADOR THAT US EMBASSY
KEEP A LOW PROFILE WITH THE GOE ON THE KOREAN QUESTION
AT THE MOMENT, SINCE THE ROK EMBASSY SEEMS TO BE CARRY-
ING THE BALL WITH RELATIVE SUCCESS.

5. GIVEN THAT BOTH A KEY MFA OFFICIAL AND THE ROK'S
SPECIAL EMISSARY AGREE THAT EMBASSY QUITO SHOULD KEEP
A LOW PROFILE ON THIS ISSUE, WE DO NOT PLAN AT THIS TIME
TO MAKE A FORMAL DEMARCHE URGING GOE SUPPORT OF OUR
KOREAN POSITION.
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